

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 11 as indicated below.

A listing of all claims is as follows:

1. Canceled.
2. (Previously Presented) A medical device for retaining an end of a tube, wherein the medical device comprises:
 - a base comprising an upper surface, a lower surface, and an opening for receiving said tube, said base comprising a first locking base feature;
 - a stem comprising a bottom portion insertable into the end of said tube, wherein when said medical device is in an assembled configuration, said bottom portion of said stem is placed into the end of said tube, said tube is placed into said opening in said base, and said bottom portion of said stem projects toward said lower surface of said base; and
 - a first tab movable with respect to said base for compressing the tube, said first tab comprising a first locking tab feature;wherein said first locking tab feature is engagable with said first locking base feature to hold the first tab in a fixed position with respect to the base.
3. (Original) The medical device of claim 2, wherein
 - said first locking base feature comprises a first plurality of teeth on said base; and
 - said plurality of teeth on said base are engagable with said first locking tab feature.

4. (Original) The medical device of claim 2, wherein
said first locking tab feature comprises a plurality of teeth on said first tab; and
said plurality of teeth on said first tab are engagable with said first locking base feature.
5. (Original) The medical device of claim 2, wherein
said first locking base feature comprises a locking opening in said base;
said first locking tab feature comprises a locking member extending from said first tab; and
said locking member is engagable with said locking opening.
6. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 2, wherein said first tab comprises a first tube compression member, and when said first locking tab feature is engaged with said first locking base feature, said first tube compression member comes into contact with said tube.
- 7.-10. Canceled.
11. (Currently Amended) A medical device for retaining an end of a tube, wherein the medical device comprises:
a base for receiving said tube, said base comprising a first locking base feature and a second locking base feature;
a first tab movable with respect to said base to a first tab compression position in which said first tab compresses for compressing the tube at a first compression location,
said first tab comprising a first locking tab feature, wherein said first locking tab feature

is engagable with said first locking base feature to hold the first tab in a fixed position with respect to the base; and

a second tab movable with respect to said base to a second tab compression position in which said second tab compresses ~~for compressing~~ the tube at a second compression location different from the first compression location, said second tab comprising a second locking tab feature, wherein said second locking tab feature is engagable with said second locking base feature to hold the second tab in a fixed position with respect to the base.

12. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein

said second locking base feature comprises a second plurality of teeth on said base; and

said second plurality of teeth on said base are engagable with said second locking tab feature.

13. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein

said second locking tab feature comprises a plurality of teeth on said second tab; and

said plurality of teeth on said second tab are engagable with said second locking base feature.

14. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein

said second locking base feature comprises a locking opening in said base;

said second locking tab feature comprises a locking member extending from said second tab; and

said locking member is engagable with said locking opening.

15. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 11, wherein said second tab comprises a second tube compression member, and when said second locking tab feature is engaged with said second locking base feature, said second tube compression member comes into contact with said tube.
- 16.-23. Canceled.
24. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 2,
said stem further comprising a positioning member at the top end of said bottom portion, said positioning member defining an opening coaxial with said bottom portion;
wherein when said medical device is in use, said positioning member rests against said base.
25. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 24, wherein said bottom portion of said stem comprises a tubular bottom portion comprising a cylindrical side wall,
the cylindrical side wall of said tubular bottom portion defines a retention window; and
when said first locking tab feature is engaged with said first locking base feature, said tube compression forces at least part of said tube into said retention window.
26. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 24, wherein said bottom portion of said stem comprises a tubular bottom portion comprising a cylindrical side wall and said cylindrical side wall has a mechanical surface thereon.
27. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 24, wherein

said base includes an alignment recess; and

when said medical device is in use, said positioning member rests within said alignment recess.

28. (Original) The medical device of claim 24, further comprising a feeding tube interface over said stem.

29. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 2, wherein said stem is attached to said base.

30. Canceled.

31. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 29, wherein said stem comprises:
a first cylindrical portion adjacent a position where said stem is attached to said base;
a second cylindrical portion adjacent said first cylindrical portion; and
a third cylindrical portion adjacent said second cylindrical portion;
wherein

said second cylindrical portion has a diameter greater than either of said first or third cylindrical portions.

32. (Original) The medical device of claim 31, wherein when said medical device is in use, said tube is placed over each of said first, second and third cylindrical portions.

33. (Original) The medical device of claim 29, wherein said stem further comprises a valve housing.

34. (Previously Presented) A medical device for retaining an end of a tube, wherein the medical device comprises:

a base with an opening for receiving said tube, said base comprising a first locking base feature;

a stem comprising a bottom portion insertable into the end of said tube, wherein when said medical device is in an assembled configuration, said bottom portion of said stem is placed into the end of said tube, said tube is placed into said opening in said base, and said bottom portion of said stem projects into said opening in said base; and

a first tab movable with respect to said base for compressing the tube, said first tab comprising a first locking tab feature;

wherein said first locking tab feature is engagable with said first locking base feature to hold the first tab in a fixed position with respect to the base.